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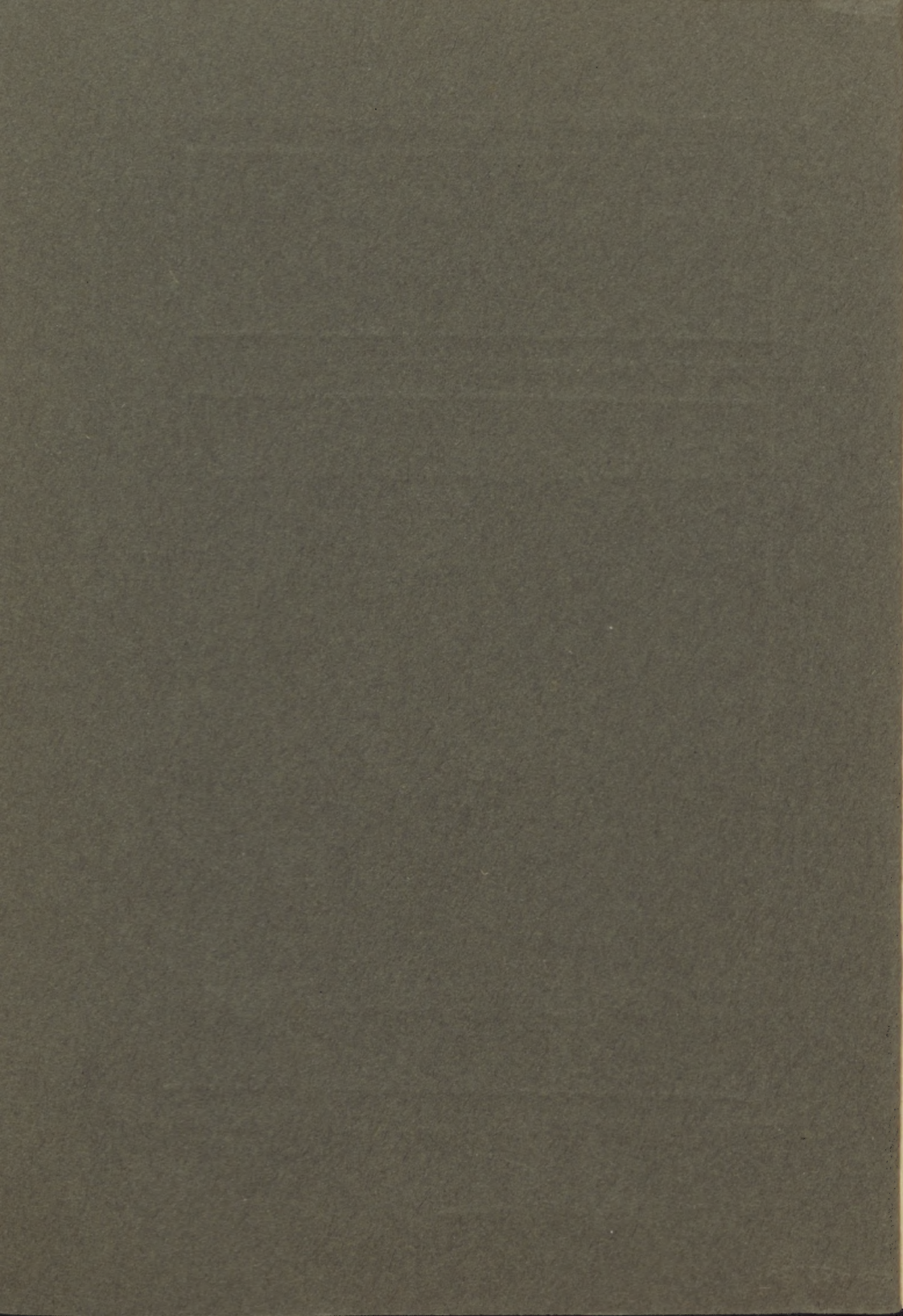
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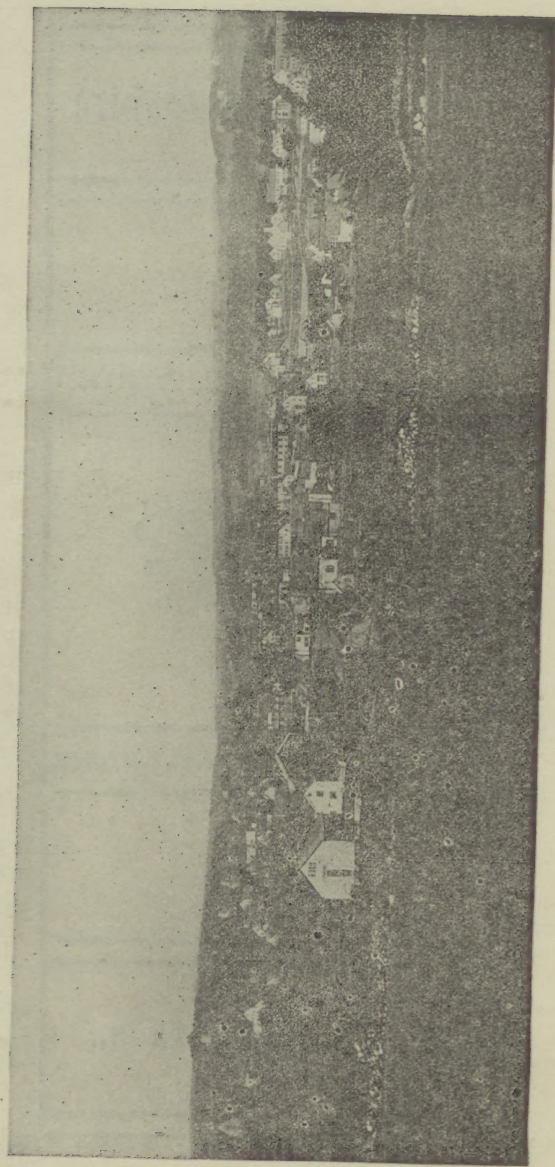


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VIEW OF WEST DERRY VILLAGE.

## Derry, New Hampshire.



**Its Early Settlement, History. Prosperity, Churches, Schools,  
Future and Active Business Men of Today.**



**T**N the western part of Rockingham county, state of New Hampshire, on the Boston and Maine Railroad, is situated the thriving town of Derry. A brief study of the map demonstrates the convenience of this pleasing locality. It is to this enterprising town, with its beautiful villages and their picturesque environments that your attention is invited. As the present condition of a town is paramount in the minds of the majority of people, purely historical matter has been excluded to considerable extent in this publication. New Englanders, at least, are well informed concerning the history of this section, and that is typical of the town of Derry. That the record is one of which we need not be ashamed is unquestionable. Therefore, leaving the things of yore to the historian and the generations that enacted them, we will endeavor to catch a glimpse of the history-making of the present.

Derry is a manufacturing town of about 3500 inhabitants. The man-

ufacture of shoes is the principal feature, for which it has three of the finest factories in New Hampshire. Derry Lower Village and West Derry are supplied with aquaduct water. It is pumped from wells to a stand-pipe from which the supply is obtained. The hydrant service is excellent, there being sufficient force to cover the largest buildings within the fire precincts. A system of sewerage has recently been put in at West Derry by a private company. The streets are well lighted by electricity and several miles of concrete walk add to the convenience of pedestrians. The thickly settled portion of the town is divided into three villages known as West Derry, Derry Village, and East Derry. The cars of the Chester & Derry Electric Railroad pass through the villages.

In religious, educational, and social advantages the town is certainly in the ascendant. There are six church edifices, excellent schools, and numerous fraternal, musical, and literary societies.

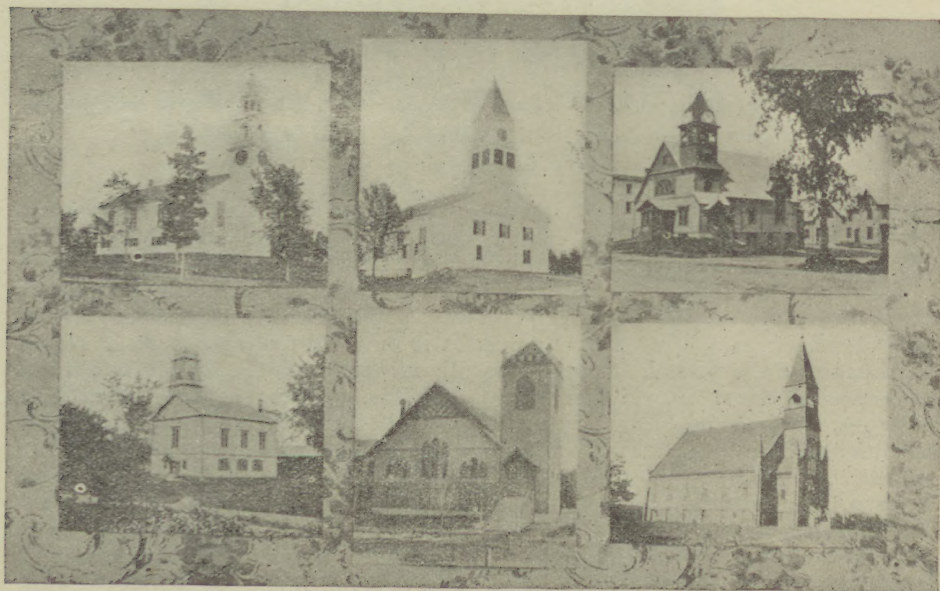


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### West Derry Village.

The church buildings of which there are three, representing the following denominations, are very neat examples of modern architecture: The Baptist Society was organized Oct. 10, 1880, and soon after, the subject of building was agitated.

been remodeled, and the result is the presence of the very neat Gothic structure, situated on Broadway. St. Thomas Aquinas Church, an imposing structure on Crystal Avenue was dedicated Nov. 28, 1887. Recently the Church of the Transfiguration [Episcopal] has been formed, holding regular services.



### Church Buildings of Derry.

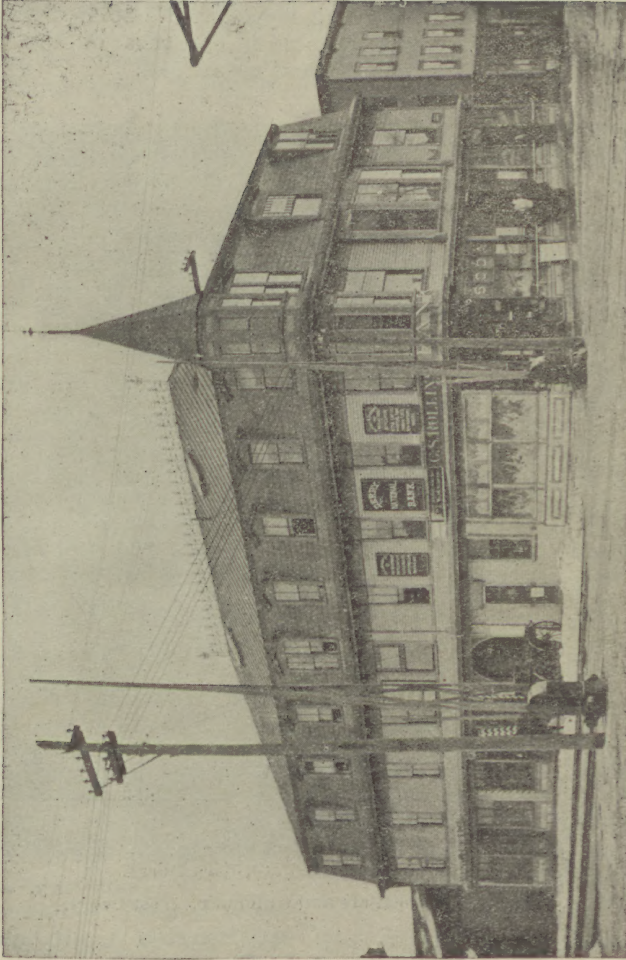
First Church, East Derry. Central Congregational, Derry Village. First Baptist, West Derry. First M. E., Derry Village. St. Luke's M. E., West Derry. St. Thomas Aquinas, W. Derry.

This culminated in the construction of the beautiful edifice standing on the corner of Broadway and Crystal Ave., which was dedicated May 14, 1884. St. Luke's Methodist Episcopal Church was organized Feb. 12, 1897, and their place of worship was dedicated the 17th of April, 1889. Since that event the building has

The schools consist of the West Side Primary and Intermediate, and the East Side Primary, Intermediate and Grammar grades.

The West Derry Precinct have recently caused to be constructed a fine brick engine house. The equipment is excellent, and the response and work of the department can





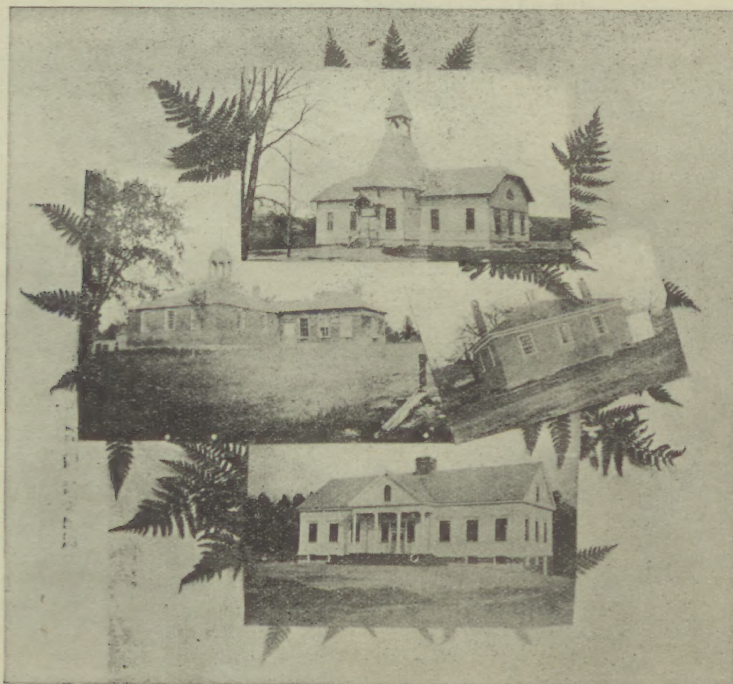
Bank Building, West Derry.

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hardly be criticized. At the same meeting that decided the water question, the article relating to the concrete walks was acted on and approved.

On the 28th of March, 1891, the

with the growing demand, and at present furnish power for 53 arc, 16 series, and 2,500 installed incandescent lamps, and also as a means for propelling the cars of the Chester & Derry Railroad.



### Derry School Houses.

West Side, Primary and Intermediate, West Derry.  
 "Old Brick", Derry. Destroyed.  
 East Side, Primary, Intermediate and Grammar, West Derry. Destroyed.

Derry Electric Light Co., was organized, and on the 21st of Sept. following, the streets of Derry were lighted by this plant. They have continued so to do, with evident satisfaction to the public. The Company have increased the capacity of the plant

### Pinkerton Academy.

One of the objective points for the visitor is the time-honored Institution of Pinkerton Academy. The school buildings are beautifully located on the hill to the north of the village, commanding, from the



tower of the new building, a charming view of the three villages of Derry, and stretches of upland, meadow and stream. The institution was founded by Major John Pinkerton, the necessity of a "permanent high school" being the con-

The Old Academy Building was opened in 1814, and for seventy-three years the educational work was conducted within its walls. Hundreds of men and women, living testimonies of the thorough training of this institution, are scattered throughout

the country in various walks in life, many having attained to positions of eminence and usefulness. The love of the memories, educational and social, connected "Old Pinkerton," is triennially demonstrated by the meet of the Alumni Association. The present Alumni Association is of recent origin.

In 1885, the Old Building was moved from its location to another part of the grounds, and the new and finely equipped building was erected, and appropriately dedicated July 27, 1887.

## Retail Establishments.

Capital and business enterprises have given Derry good stores and stocks of merchandise and other essentials being rich and varied and, as freight rates are comparatively low, prices are quoted accordingly, so that people from the surrounding districts come here to buy. The business men are so fully alive and attentive to the wants of the community that



**Soldiers Monument.**

clusion, that he and the Rev. Mr. Parker arrived at after their initial interview upon the subject. This interview was made historically famous as the origin of Pinkerton Academy, influencing, as it did, the first endowment by Maj. Pinkerton.

there is no necessity for going outside to get anything, for here everything that can be required for a family can be had, of the latest make and at prices which compare favorably with those ruling in the great metropolitan centres.

These enterprises are managed with commendable energy and success and so long as the commercial interests of Derry are in the hands of such men as its present merchants, a still larger measure of prosperity is assured.

**L. B. Jenkins & Co.**

This popular plumbing house established for 25 years, has won a marked degree of public favor and a splendid patronage under its new owners. The stock consists of a full and complete line of plumbing

this or any other market; also a good line of furnaces and pumps are kept constantly on hand. The goods in all departments are purchased in quantities direct from the producers and manufacturers and especial advantages are in consequence given to their patrons in the way of prices which are uniformly low, while the high quality of the goods is always maintained. Plumbing, heating tin roofing and all kinds of tin, copper and sheet iron work done on short notice and in the best possible man-



L. B. JENKINS.



L. M. PACKER.

of every description, cutlery, tin and agate ware, stoves, ranges and heaters. A specialty is made of the famous Glenwood Ranges, which are acknowledged as the best range on

ner. The firm consists of L. B. Jenkins and L. M. Parker, both of whom are wide awake and progressive business men and valued citizens also Red Men and Grangers.



**Harry L. Benson.**

Among the drug establishments of West Derry there is none better or more favorably known than that conducted by Harry L. Benson on Broadway, where may be found at all times a large and most select line of drugs, chemicals, toilet articles, patent medicines, trusses and physicians' supplies. The prescription department is a model and those who have physicians' prescriptions to be compounded should take them to this establishment, where great care, accu-

cation in that place. Mr. Benson has been connected with the drug trade of Derry for the past 11 years, 9 years as clerk for S. H. Bell, and 2 in the present establishment, the past 6 months of which he has been proprietor. In 1894 Mr. Benson passed the drug examinations as registered assistant clerk. Dec. 24, 1895, he received his diploma from the National Institute of Pharmacy, and Jan. 25 1899 he passed the examination as a skilled pharmacist, and Sept. 18, 1899, became a member of the New Hampshire Pharmaceutical Association.



HARRY L. BENSON.

acy and absolutely pure materials are used, thus making sure of getting just what your prescription calls for. The genial proprietor is a registered pharmacist. He is a native of Londonderry and received his early edu-

**Albert E. Shute.**

Among the insurance men of West Derry is Albert E. Shute who has spent the past 6 years in this important department of our business interests.

His thorough knowledge of insurance in its various lines has made him an authority on the subject and he is considered one of the best informed insurance men in this section of the state. His progressive agency issues fire, life, accident and sick benefit policies and is represented by thirteen different companies. Mr. Shute is a native of Derry and received his education in the public schools and at Pinkerton Academy. He has served as Town Auditor for four years, is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Red Men, Grange and New England Order of Protection. He is regarded as a wide awake, progressive and valued citizen.

**B. F. Low.**

One of the popular boot and shoe establishments of Derry is that conducted by B. F. Low in Young's Block. The store is attractive, spacious and well stocked; and is well supplied with every convenience. The assortment comprises all that is desirable in boots, shoes, rubbers and slippers for men, women and children in all the various styles;

ed his education in the public schools. He is at present serving as Treasurer of the Odd Fellows. He is regarded as a careful and energetic business man and citizen.

**J. F. Hall.**

There is perhaps no more favorably known business enterprise in West Derry than that conducted by J. F. Hall; in Odd Fellows Block, on Broadway. Mr. Hall has been es-



YOUNG'S BLOCK, LOCATION OF BENJ. F. LOW.

grades and sizes. A special feature is made of the celebrated Patrician shoe for ladies and the Walkover for men, these two grades are recognized as having no superior in any market. Repairing in all its branches neatly and promptly executed and at very moderate charges. Mr. Low is a native of Derry and received

his education here for 2 years and by handling good goods, doing good work and charging moderate prices, has built up a splendid patronage. The line carried consists of all kinds of picture framing, ready made frames, all descriptions and kinds of stationery, pens, pencils, inks, blank books and novelties. Every article



coming from Mr. Hall's establishment can be depended upon as being just as represented in every particular.

**E. N. Whitney.**

Among the long established business houses of West Derry, which have won popularity and a splendid

years ago and by business enterprise, square dealing and courteous treatment of all has come to be recognized as one of the leading business men of the town. All goods coming from this store are guaranteed to be just as represented, and never fail to give satisfac-



patronage is that of E. N. Whitney on Broadway, where may be found a complete stock of boots, shoes and rubbers, also dry and fancy goods and a full line of hardware, paints and oils. Mr. Whitney established his enterprise in Derry fourteen

years ago and by business enterprise, social, as well as in business circles, and is at present serving as selectman. In 1897 and 1898 he served as representative to the legislature. He is a member of the Knight of Pythias and of Derry Grange

**Hotel Bradford**

One of the most popular hostleries in Rockingham County is Hotel Bradford, located on Broadway, near the Boston and Maine station. This house is pleasantly situated, has 35 rooms, is heated by steam, lighted by electricity, and a splendid livery stable is run in connection with the house. The present proprietor, Ralph Thyng, is a thorough hotel man and since he took the Bradford three and a half years ago it has steadily gained in popularity and patronage



HOTEL BRADFORD.

and stands high among the hotels in this section of the state. The cuisine is of the very best, while the rooms are large and well lighted and splendidly furnished. The house is well appointed in every particular and nothing is omitted that could add to the comfort and pleasure of the guests, thus giving the house and its genial proprietor an enviable reputation among the travelling public.

**W. H. Nichols, D. D. S.**

Among the many well and favorably known business men of Derry there is perhaps none more worthy of special mention than Dr. W. H. Nichols, the dentist in Young's Block. The reception and operating rooms as well as the laboratory are models, and every equipment for the very best work is at hand. Dr. Nichols enjoys an excellent reputation for reliability and skill in his profession. He has been established here for four years and has received a very flattering and liberal patronage. A specialty is made of filling of every description, also crown and bridge work and the fitting of difficult mouths. All work is done in a skillful and most satisfactory manner. The doctor is a graduate of the University of Maryland and since locating here has won a leading position in his profession. He is a member of the Odd Fellows, Red Men and Patrons of Husbandry. Those contemplating anything in the dental line

should consult him, before allowing decay or the suffering of pain to deprive them of those most useful members—the teeth.

**E. R. Stevens.**

The poet Longfellow has immortalized the village blacksmith, and well he might, for he is a necessity that no community can well do without. A most progressive shop of this character and one that holds



a leading position in Derry is that of Mr. E. R. Stevens at White's Corner, where he does horse-shoeing, wood work, general blacksmithing and jobbing in the best possible manner. Mr. Stevens has been established here five years and by hustling and progressive methods, square dealing and high-class work has won a large and well pleased patronage. He is a native of Warren, N. H.

manufactured are uniform in quality, only the purest materials being used with the result that the products of this bakery have no superior in this or any other market. The line consists of domestic baked goods, bread, pastry, pies, cakes, brown bread and beans. The confectionery department is large and very complete, embracing all the choice bon bons, chocolates, etc., while the canned goods and fancy groceries are the



## A. C. Davis.

An important and valuable accession to the trade resources of West Derry is the bakery, confectionery and fancy grocery establishment of A. C. Davis on Broadway. All goods

best obtainable. Mr. Davis is a native of Bow, N. H. and was for 5 years in the employ of Swift's wholesale provision house in Manchester. He established his present enterprise 2 years ago and by a policy of

liberality, good goods at fair prices and uniform courtesy has attracted a large, growing and well pleased patronage.

**C. G. Kimball,**

Among the long established and favorably known business houses of West Derry is that of C. G. Kimball on Broadway, where may be found at all times a large and seasonable stock of boots, shoes, toys, crockery, china, in fact everything that could be desired in the various lines. The boot and shoe line is especially complete, embracing all kinds of good footwear for men, women and child-

done and at moderate charges. Established 8 years ago Mr. Kimball at once took a leading position in the trade of West Derry and each year has seen a gratifying increase in the amount of business done, until today it is the popular trading center in this locality.

**S. Johnson,**

Among the many progressive business houses of West Derry, we find that of S. Johnson on Broadway, established here 10 years ago. Mr. Johnson has by up-to date business methods and fair prices attracted a large and select trade. The premises occupied are large, well appointed and splendidly stocked. The line carried consists of all that is desirable in stoves, ranges, heaters, tinware and kitchen supplies. A special feature is made of the "Colonial" and "Sunshine" range, which are acknowledged as having no superior. Mr. Johnson is a progressive business man and valued citizen. A native of England but he came to this country when but 17 years of age. He is a member of the Grand Army, and by his sterling integrity and untiring energy has won a large circle of friends and pleased patrons.

**J. W. Bean,**

J. W. Bean, auctioneer and dealer in real estate, second hand furniture, harnesses, whips, blankets and crockery on Broadway, has long been identified with Derry and there is probably no man better or more favorably known than he. Established in his present enterprise about a year ago he has attracted a large trade and clientage. He buys, sells and ex-



Exact Reproduction of this Style Shoe.

ren, not only in the best, but in the medium grades as well, and sold at the lowest possible prices consistent with the high grade of the goods. Mr. Kimball carries the well known Queen Quality shoe for women and the Walkwell for men. All kinds of repairing are neatly and promptly



changes all kinds of real property and his stock of second hand furniture and horse supplies is always large and many rare bargains are always to be found at his auction rooms. Mr Bean has always enjoyed the confidence of the people of Derry and vicinity to a marked degree and has served them, both as member of the school board, postmaster and representative to the legislature. He is a member of the Odd Fellows and always takes a lively interest in anything that tends to advance the commercial prosperity of Derry.

## Mrs. L. Smith.

Few business houses of West Derry enjoy a higher reputation than the millinery establishment of Mrs. H. L. Smith in Young's Block on Broadway, where may be found at

The premises occupied are centrally located and splendidly appointed. Mrs. Smith has been established in her present enterprise 6 years and has been located at this store three years, during which time by progressive business methods, good goods and reasonable prices she has won a splendid patronage. A rare taste and good judgment are particularly necessary in this line of trade, and these qualities are brought out to a marked degree in the Smith establishment. This store has long been recognized as the popular trading center for the ladies of West Derry and vicinity. Mrs. Smith is very popular in social as well as business circles and is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry and Woman's Relief Corps.

## Edwin W. Rowe.

Mr. Rowe has for the past year conducted to the entire satisfaction of the public the Abbott Stables, opposite the railroad station, and since succeeding Mr. Abbott, by energetic and reliable management has made this one of the most popular hack and livery stables in Rockingham County. The stable is completely fitted throughout with every convenience and facility for conducting the business on a large scale, and is a model of cleanliness and order, well lighted and drained. A splendid stock of horses is constantly on hand, together with a fine line of carriages, hacks, buggies and light road-wagons. All orders are promptly filled at any hour, day or night. Hacks are furnished for weddings and funerals in charge of careful



all times a very large and select line of millinery goods, ribbons and laces, in fact everything that can be had in an up-to-date store of this kind.

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drivers, and special attention is given to boarding horses by the day, week or month. All charges are moderate.

### **Nutfield Laundry,**

There is no more important enterprise in any town than its laundry, and certainly no place is better supplied than West Derry. This thoroughly equipped plant, operated by steam, has every facility for turning out first-class work. All work taken is laundered carefully and expertly

does not bear the stamp of perfection. The laundry has been established for four years and has attracted a very large and well pleased patronage.

### **F. T. Rogers & Son.**

This business house was established 6 years ago and since its inception has met with a marked degree of public favor. The firm consists of F. T. Rogers and his son F. F. Rogers. The stock carried consists



NUTFIELD LAUNDRY.

and no chemicals or other compounds are used that would in any way injure in the slightest degree the most delicate fabrics. The proprietor, Edwin W. Rowe, is a practical laundryman and gives his personal supervision to every detail of the work, and no piece of work is allowed to leave the laundry which

of a good line of all kinds and descriptions of harnesses and horse supplies, harness repairing in all its branches neatly and promptly attended to and that too, at very moderate charges. Those having repairing to be done or desiring a new rig should call at this popular shop before going elsewhere.



**F. T. Rogers.**

No review of the business interests of West Derry would be complete without a special mention of F. T. Rogers, the popular auctioneer and real estate agent located on Birch St. There is probably no man in West Derry who is better known than Mr. Rogers. Established here for more than a quarter of a century his progressive business methods and absolute integrity have won for him a foremost place in the trade and thoroughly established him in the confidence and public favor of

nishings bought and sold. Auction sales attended anywhere. Mr. Rogers is a member of the Red Men and is regarded as a conservative and valued citizen.

**William Hodgdon,**

Established 9 years ago the enterprise of William Hodgdon has won both popularity and a splendid patronage from the purchasing public of West Derry and vicinity. The premises occupied are situated in Young's Block on Broadway and are large and commodious, well ap-



**Odd Fellows Building, West Derry.**

a large circle of patrons and friends. pointed and splendidly stocked. The All kinds of real property bought, lines carried consist of tinware, glass-sold and exchanged; household fur- ware and kitchen furnishings of ev-

ery description, crockery, toys and notions. Mr. Hodgdon also manufactures a large amount of tinware. Ever since the establishment of his enterprise Mr. Hodgdon has maintained a high reputation for the quality of his wares and the moderate prices charged. Everything coming from his store is just as represented and is the best that can be obtained for the money expended.

are furnished with pies, cakes and pastry of the very best kinds. Mr. White has a large and well pleased patronage, and those desiring a splendid meal should give him a call.

**Chester and Derry Street  
Car Company.**

There is perhaps no one thing that is more beneficial to a city or a town, situated as is Derry, than a modern and well equipped street



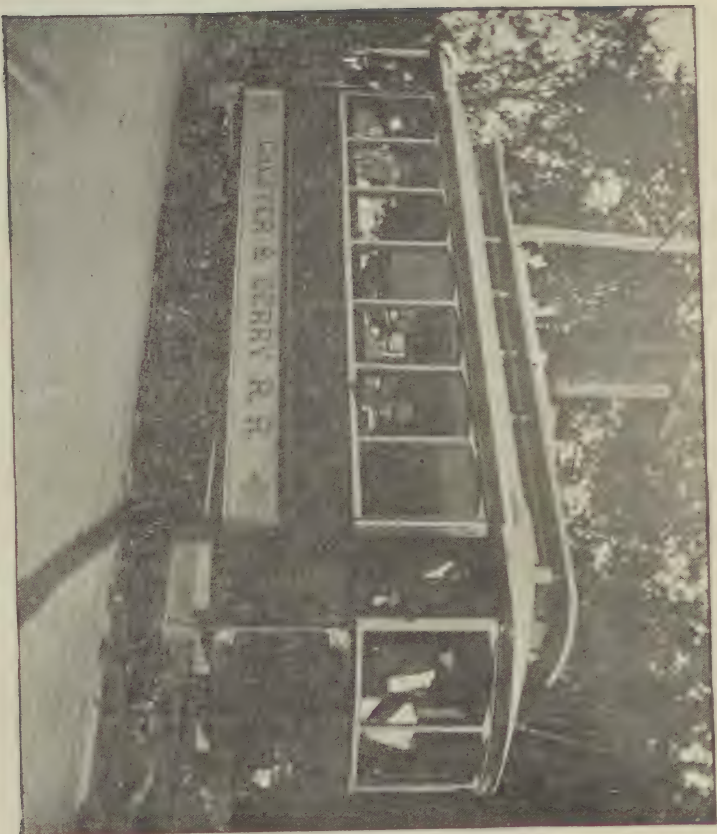
**How they traveled before the days of electricity and steam.**

**Arthur White,**

One of the well and favorably known members of the trade of West Derry, is Arthur White, successor to W. S. Manning the Broadway caterer. Mr. Manning established the business about a year ago, but on account of failing health was compelled to dispose of the business. Under Mr. White many improvements have been made and the restaurant ranks high. A home bakery is run in connection, and the public

car line; there is nothing that so develops its resources and brings out its advantages. It brings out trade, opens up suburbs, diffuses population, improves health and increases the number of house owners. This is true of the splendidly equipped and well managed Chester and Derry Street car line. The road bed and rolling stock are of the best and the management have spared no pains to make this road all that could be desired.





A Chester and Derry Street Car.

**S. H. Bell.**

One of the long established business houses of West Derry and one that has won both popularity and a splendid patronage is the drug house of S. H. Bell on Broadway, where may be found at all times a large and select line of drugs, chemicals, toilet articles and physicians' supplies, choice confectionery and a fine line of foreign and domestic cigars. A special feature of this well and favorably known house is the prescription department, which has always

maintained a high reputation for scientific accuracy, absolute purity of materials used and a due sense of responsibility, with the result that this house has built up a very large prescription patronage. The charges in every department are very moderate for the class of goods sold. Mr. Bell has been established for 23 years and is a careful, energetic and valued citizen. He is at present Town Clerk, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias and Patrons of Husbandry.















